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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated October 23, 2001 (Paper No. 10) for which a response was due January 23, 2002 and for which a 3 month extension of time is also requested to extend the time for response from January 23, 2002 to April 23, 2002. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.